**City Interventions**

27 September – 29 October, 2017

Curators: Jakub Kořínek, Lenka Sedláčková

Opening on 26 September, 2017 at 6 pm, press conference at 11 am

The House of the Lords of Kunštát, Dominikánská st. 9, Brno

Brno, 20 September, 2017 – **The exhibition in the House of the Lords of Kunštát introduces designs for various modifications of the public space in the city of Brno. They were designed by architects, students of architecture, associations and non-professionals in response to a call launched within the City Interventions project in April 2016. Happenings and short-term interventions were held at the locations of the “interventions”. The entire project now continues with an exhibition that will run through 29 October and will display some of the designs in the form of models made by the authors themselves. Recurring subjects include the making of new squares, relaxation zones, the extension of pedestrian areas or cycling. The exhibition visitors will have an opportunity to evaluate the individual interventions – the results of the survey will then be forwarded to the Office of the Brno City Architect.**

The exhibition is structured into seven thematic sections according to the type of alterations proposed by the designs. New squares appear in a part of the projects by refurbishing an existing intersection or unused space (the railway station forefront, Konečného Square). Recurring subjects include pedestrian traffic (staircase on Nové sady street, pedestrian traffic at the Zvonařka Central Bus Station), the use of riverfronts and park designs (Svitava riverfront, the so-called second Lužánky Park), the reconstruction of some unused buildings or of an entire neighbourhood (the post-industrial district east of the centre), street modifications aimed at improving the residential function, the adding of greenery or artwork (Benešova, Dvořákova, Česká, Jánská streets). Some projects come up with new, often unconventional urban furniture (pop-up furniture, birdhouses), and the final section deals with transportation – automobile, public transports and cycling routes (a complete cycle track system, a new tram stop, Metrobus).

*“City Interventions introduce architectural and urban designs that are not commissioned, but arise from inner or professional needs of their authors. This is an opportunity to point out what is not functional in the city space and offer solutions how it might work. We pass by lots of places that every day without noticing them, yet they hide a lot of potential,”* says Jakub Kořínek, the exhibition curator and organizer of the City Interventions, referring to Vallo Sadovsky Architects, the authors of the original idea. *“City Interventions is not a machine for specific technical solutions, they enable to see – to see problems, inspirations, ideas, possibilities, potential. And they enable those who see them to be seen.”*

The exhibition will present 34 selected designs in total in the form of models, supplemented with visualizations or videos. The models in varied forms of execution, from professional architects to intuitive lay work, will be displayed in an original installation copying the map of Brno, designed by architect Jakub Kopec.

**The exhibition accompanying programme** will introduce some of the designs; there will be a subsequent discussion with the city representatives, bringing more information on the current situation in the implementation of selected projects and on urban strategy and planning. Specifically, the programme will include meetings and walks with architects, workshops, a psycho-geographic walk around the city, or an improvisation theatre in public space.

**4 Oct, 5 pm** – City Interventions– architect Petr Hýl comments on individual designs

**7 Oct, 3–6 pm** – On Foot through More than One Brno – the basics of urban literacy on a walk with architects

**8 Oct, 2–5 pm** – What Ought to Be Here and Is Not? – workshop for children

**11 Oct, 8 pm –** 20,000 Jews below the Sea – improvisation theatre in the public space of Brno

**18 Oct, 5–7 pm –** Psycho-geographic walk in Brno with Petr Gibas

**19 Oct, 4 pm** – Mendlovo square – participative workshop with Jakub Kořínek

**26 Oct, 5 pm** – City Interventions – comments by architects Roman Čerbák and Martin Klenovský

**The idea of the City Interventions project originated in Bratislava in 2007**. Matúš Vallo and Oliver Sadovský (Vallo Sadovsky Architects) addressed several of their colleagues and architecture studios, asking them to design free of charge a solution to an architecturally problematic public place in the centre of Bratislava. Their civic and professional initiative has motivated other teams in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Some 800 designs have originated so far, aimed at improving 17 municipalities.

**In Brno, the first City Interventions took place in 2011** and the accompanying exhibition was held in the former prison on Cejl Avenue. The second City Interventions was launched in April 2016; by the end of August of the same year, 67 designs of various modifications in the public space of Brno were gathered. In the course of September and October, happenings and short-term interventions took place at the sites in question. The present exhibition in the House of the Lords of Kunštát will introduce 34 of these designs.

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